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INFO USINT ALGIERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 0112

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SUBJECT: IRAQI SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS

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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH STILL SILENT ON KHARTOUM MURDERS, GOI VERY ACTIVE ON BEHALF PALESTINIANS. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR RULES OUT BSO OPERATIONS IN IRAQ. END SUMMARY.

2. GOI HAS STILL MADE NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON KHARTOUM MURDERS NOR HAS PRESS COMMENTED ON THEM. EVENTS OF PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE, HOWEVER, GIVEN ADDED IMPETUS TO CONTINUING GOI EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE PUBLICLY ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIANS. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR OTHMAN SAADI TOLD ME MININTERIOR GHIDAN' S VISIT TO KHARTOUM WAS ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE DUMEIRY NOT TO CLOSE DOWN FATAH ACTIVITIES IN SUDAN USING SUCH ARGUMENTS AS FATAH LEADERS UNAWARE OF BSO OPERATIONS. SAADI IN FACT BELIEVES THIS TO BE CASE EVEN THOUGH
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HE SAYS BSO MILITANTS ARE MEMBERS OF FATAH.

3. VISIT OF MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION HISHAM AL- SHAWI TO RABAT IS, ACCORDING TO SAADI, AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE KING HASSAN TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH KING HUSSEIN TO PREVENT EXECUTION ABU DAOUD GROUP.

4. SAADI BELIEVES BSO CHOSE KHARTOUM AND SAUDI ARABIAN EMBASSY AS SITE FOR OPERATION WITH SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF MAKING SUDAN PAY FOR TURNING ITS BACK ON ARAB CAUSE (HE ALSO MENTIONED LONG STANDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ERITREAN NATIONALISTS AND FATAH) AND TO WARN SAUDIS OF CONSEQUENCES CEASING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FATAH.

5. SAADI BELIEVES THAT GIVEN GOI SUPPORT FOR FATAH AND MORE EXTREMIST PALESTINIANS AND TIGHT SECURITY CONTROL REGIME EXERCISES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, BSO WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT ANY OPERATIONS IN IRAQ UNLESS GOI APPROVAL OBTAINED IN ADVANCE. HE COULD NOT ENVISAGE APPROVAL BEING GIVEN.
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